

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)**

Applicant(s): Spicer

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Invention: LOCKING STRUT

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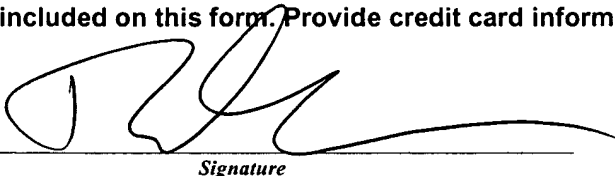
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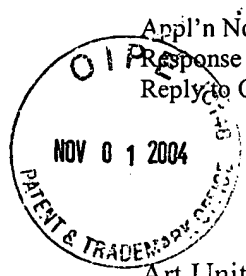
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**ELECTION**

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Title: Locking Strut

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004.

The Examiner contends that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A- Figures 1 and 2;

Species B- Figures 3 and 4;

Species C- Figures 5 and 6;

Species D- Figures 7 and 8;

Species E- Figures 9 and 10; and

Species F- Figures 11 and 12.

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Applicant is required under 35 USC 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species A- represented by Figures 1 and 2.

Applicant further identifies the claims which are readable on the elected species are as follows: Claims 1-7 and 27-30 read on the elected Species A of Figures 1 and 2. The Applicant also submits that claim 1 is generic to all species.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for examination on the merits, which is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the above fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

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